

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Ling called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Tilmann; Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to Kim Tollenaere and Larry Collins welcoming the student delegates from our Sister City Okaya, Japan.

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to William Miller, with Papas Pumpkin Patch, recognizing "National Farmers Market Week - August 4 thru 10, 2013".

Mayor Ling presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant to Brian Sponseller representing the Glenwood Place Neighborhood Association.

Barb Subastian of the Liquor Control Commission gave a presentation regarding recent changes to the liquor licensing process.

Discussion ensued.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Rick McGuirk, 4175 E. Bluegrass, spoke in opposition of approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the Special Assessment District #1-13.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Communication from State Senator Judy K. Emmons congratulating City staff for their efforts in obtaining a Brownfield Redevelopment Loan for the Mt. Pleasant Center property.
2. Resignation of Steve Silverberg from the Tax Increment Finance Authority.
3. Communication from United Apartments regarding Special Assessment District #1-13.

Item #12 "Consider contract with Spicer Engineering for interim Planning and Community Development services" was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held July 8, 2013.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held July 8, 2013.
3. Bid of Prein & Newhof, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan for Broadway Street Professional Design Engineering services in an amount not-to-exceed \$58,996.
4. Work contract with Central Michigan University in which CMU will commit to reimburse the City \$19,790 for added cost of meeting a change in specifications for the Bellows Street sidewalk replacement project.
5. Change order to Bellows Street sidewalk replacement project contract with Isabella Corporation in the amount of \$19,790.
6. Payrolls dated July 12 and 19, 2013 and warrants dated July 9, 15, 17 and 18, 2013 all totaling \$882,770.47.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 96.04 NUISANCE GATHERING of the City of Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances to provide more concise and enforceable language. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann that Ordinance 981, an Ordinance amending Section 96.04 NUISANCE GATHERING of the City of Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Vice Mayor Tilmann to contract with Spicer Group to provide professional planning assistance at a rate of \$120 per hour not-to-exceed a total contract amount of \$19,200. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Sous to set a public hearing for August 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement for MTW Industries, LLC located at 706 E. Pickard Street. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to rescind the Motion of July 8, 2013 regarding Special Assessment #1-13. (Rescinded motion provided below in bold italics for clarity.)

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to direct staff to create revised resolutions to only include the 900 and 1000 blocks of South Washington and respread the assessment roll accordingly.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Rautanen and Sous
NAYS: Commissioners English, Ling and Tilmann
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding the next steps for Special Assessment District #1-13 and the Commission reached a general agreement to direct staff to prepare a work session on August 12, 2013 at 6:00 for further discussion.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner English to refer zoning amendment for the Central Michigan University Campus to the Planning Commission for review. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Sous questioned if neighborhood action group money can be used for creating \$500 allocations for sense of place activities as described by Peter Kageyama.

Commissioner Joslin reminded the community that sidewalk sales are taking place July 25 - 27, 2013 downtown Mt. Pleasant; he thanked Max and Emilys, Isabella Bank, and Central Michigan University for putting on summer concerts and reminded public that the Saucecats will be performing this week, "July 25"; announced that Movies by Moonlight are coming in August; and asked if the developer could bring back the proposed rezoning for Broomfield St. under a conditional rezoning request.

Vice Mayor Tilmann announced the Isabella County Council of Governments meeting and picnic will take place on August 21 at 6:00 p.m. at Coldwater Twp Hall.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Rick McGuirk, 4175 E. Bluegrass, spoke in support of a possible 50% City contribution on special assessment district #1-13 that includes the 800, 900 and 1000 block of S. Washington St .

The Commission recessed at 8:43 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:50 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:05 p.m.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:06 p.m.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk